3   a list of program/event entries with the second filter selecting a second subset of

4   programs to generate an electronic program guide displaying program listings including all of the

5   programs included in said first subset and all of the programs included in said second subset.

1   3.   (Twice Amended)   The method of claim 1 further comprising :

2   utilizing said first filter and said second filter, wherein at least some of the

3   program/event entries of the first subset are the same as at least some of the program/event entries

4   of the second subset, with the second filter, to generate an electronic program guide displaying

5   program listings including programs included in both said first and second subsets.

1   4.   (Twice Amended)   The method of claim 1 further comprising:

2   creating a filter utilizing a list of program/event entries in the program listing

3   ~~database.~~

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1   6.   (Amended)   The method of claim 1, wherein, a set of program/event entries

2   corresponding to the list intersects a set of program entries corresponding to program/event entries

3   in the database of available program listings.

1   7.   (Amended)   The method of claim 6 wherein the set of program/event entries

2   corresponding to the list is a proper subset of the set of program/event entries corresponding to

3   program entries in the database of available program listings.

1   8.   The method of claim 1 wherein a consumer device stores the database and the first

2   filter is input into the consumer device from a source external to the consumer device.

1   9.   (Amended)   A system for managing program listings comprising:

2   a memory storing a database of available program listings comprising a plurality of

3   program/event entries;

4   a memory storing a first filter comprising a first list of program/event entries;

5   a memory storing a second filter comprising a second list of program/event entries;

6   and

7   a processor which selects a first subset of programs according to the first filter and

8   a second subset of programs according to the second filter to generate an electronic program guide

9   displaying program listings included in said first subset and said second subset,

10   wherein at least some of the programs in the first subset are different from the

11   programs of the second subset, wherein at least some of the programs in the second subset are

12   different from the programs of the first subset.

1   10.   (Amended)   The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further configured to

2   utilize said first filter and said second filter to generate an electronic program guide displaying

3   program listings including all of the programs included in said first subset and all of the programs

4   included in said second subset.

1   11.   (Amended)   The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further configured to

2   utilize said first filter and said second filter, wherein at least some of the programs of the first filter

3   are the same as at least some of the programs of the second filter, to generate an electronic program

4   guide displaying program listings including programs included in both said first and second subsets.

1   12.   (Amended)   The system of claim 9 wherein the process is further configured to

2   create a filter utilizing program/event entries in the program listing database.

1   14.   (Amended)   The system of claim 9 wherein a set of program/event entries

2   corresponding to the first and second lists intersects a set of program/event entries corresponding to

3   program entries in the database of available program listings.

1   15.   (Amended)   The system of claim 14 wherein the set of program entries

2   corresponding to the list is a proper subset of the set of program entries corresponding to program

3   entries in the database of available program listings.

1   16.   The system of claim 9 wherein a consumer device stores the database and the first

2   filter is input into the consumer device from a source external to the consumer device.

1   17.   (Amended)   A method for managing program listings comprising:

2   storing a database of available program listings comprising a plurality of

3   program/event entries;

4   displaying a user configuration screen having a plurality of program/event sources,

5   a first program filter comprising a first list of program/event entries and a second program filter

6   comprising a second list of program/event entries;

7   selecting at least one of the plurality of program/event sources, the first program filter

8   and the second program filter from the user configuration screen;

9   filtering programs of the at least one of the plurality of program/event sources

10   utilizing the first program filter to produce a first subset of programs;

11   filtering programs of the at least one of the plurality of program/event sources

12   utilizing the second program filter to produce a second subset of programs; and

13   generating an electronic program guide displaying program listings included in said

14   first subset and said second subset;

15   wherein at least some of the programs of the first subset are different from the

16   programs of the second subset, wherein at least some of the programs of the second subset are

17   different from the programs of the first subset.

1   18.   (Amended)   The method of claim 17 wherein the electronic program guide displays

2   program listings including all of the programs included in said first subset and all of the programs

3   included in said second subset.

1   19.   (Amended)   The method of claim 17 wherein at least some of the programs in the

2   first and second subsets are the same, wherein the first and second lists of program/event entries

3   intersect, and wherein the electronic program guide displays program listings consisting of programs

4   produced in both said first and second subsets.

1   20.   (Amended)   An interactive filter selective mechanism of available program listings

2   comprising:

3   a database of available program listings comprising a plurality of program/event

4   entries;

5   a plurality of program/event sources;

6   a first program filter comprising a first list of program/event entries that filters the

7   program/event sources to produce a first subset of programs;

8   a second program filter comprising a second list of program/event entries that filters

9   at least one of the program/event sources and the first subset of programs to produce a second subset

10   of programs;

11   a selection of program listing sources including the plurality of program/event

12   sources, the first subset of programs, and the second subset of programs;

13   a user configuration screen having a display of the selection of program listing

14   sources, wherein a user selects at least one of the plurality of program/event sources, the first

15   program filter and the second program filter from the user configuration screen; and

16   an electronic program guide having display of programs included in said first subset

17   and said second subset.

1   21.   (Amended)   The interactive filter selective mechanism of claim 20 wherein the

2   electronic program guide displays program listings consisting of programs produced from both the

first program filter and the second program filter.

1   24.   (New)   The method of claim 1 wherein the filters are editable filters.

1   25.   (New)   The system of claim 9, wherein the filters are editable filters.

1   26.   (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the filters are editable filters.

1   27.   (New) The interactive filter selective mechanism of claim 20 wherein the filters are

2   ~~editable filters.~~

1   28.   (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the list of program/event entries is not

2   provided with the program listings.

1   29.   (New) The method of claim 9 wherein the first and second lists of program/event

2   entries are not provided with the program listings.

1   30.   The method of claim 17 wherein the first and second lists of program/event entries

2   are not provided with the program listings.

1   31.   (New) The method of claim 20 wherein the first and second lists of program/event

2   entries are not provided with the program listings.

REMARKS

In response to the Office action dated November 3, 2000, Applicant has amended claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-12, 14, 15, 17-21, cancelled claims 5, 13, 22, and 23 and added claims 24-31. Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-21, and 24-31 are currently pending in the application. Applicant has amended the independent claims to incorporate the features of claim 5. The amendments find full support in the original specification. Specifically, support for "a list of program/event entries" can be found in the specification, page 5, lines 17-20. No new matter is presented. In view of the above amendments and remarks that follow, Applicant respectfully requests reexamination, reconsideration, a timely indication of allowance.

Applicant wishes to notify the Examiner that the correct name of the inventor is "James J. Leftwich," rather than "Jim Leftwich." Pursuant to section 201.03 of the M.P.E.P. (page 200-4), the Office should simply be notified of the error and a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.48, a new oath, or a

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